

PEARSON, MJ.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	CASE NO. 5:09CR274
Plaintiff,)	
)	JUDGE PETER C. ECONOMUS
v.)	
)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE
JOEL VENEGAS-CRUZ,)	BENITA Y. PEARSON
)	
Defendant.)	<u>REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION</u>
)	

Pursuant to General Order 99-49, this matter having been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Benita Y. Pearson for purposes for receiving, on consent of the parties, the defendant's offer of a plea of guilty, conducting the colloquy prescribed by Fed. R. Crim. P. 11, causing a verbatim record of the proceedings to be prepared, referring the matter, if appropriate, for presentence investigation, and submitting a Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation stating whether the plea should be accepted and a finding of guilty entered, the following, along with the transcript or other record of the proceedings submitted herewith, constitutes the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation concerning the plea of guilty proffered by the defendant.

1. On June 26, 2009, the defendant, accompanied by counsel and aided by an interpreter certified in the Spanish language, proffered a plea of guilty to count one, the sole count in the Information.

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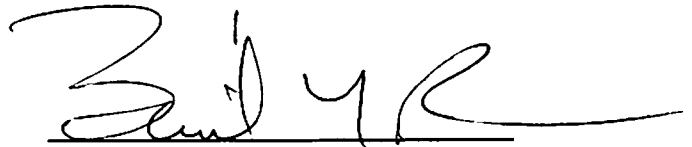
2. Prior to such proffer, the defendant was examined as to his competency, advised of the charge and consequences of conviction, informed that the Court will be required to give consideration to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and of the possibility of a departure from the Guidelines, notified of his rights, advised that he was waiving all his rights except the right to counsel, and, if such were the case, his right to appeal under certain circumstances, and otherwise provided with the information prescribed in Fed. R. Crim. P. 11.
3. The parties and counsel informed the Court about any plea agreement between the parties, the undersigned was advised that, aside from any such agreement as described or submitted to the Court, no other commitments or promises have been made by any party, and no other agreements, written or unwritten, have been made between the parties.
4. The undersigned questioned the defendant under oath about the knowing, intelligent, and voluntary nature of the plea of guilty, and finds that the defendant's plea was offered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily.
5. The parties provided the undersigned with sufficient information about the charged offense and the defendant's conduct to establish a factual basis for the plea.

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In light of the foregoing and the record submitted herewith, the undersigned finds that the defendant's plea was knowing, intelligent, and voluntary, and that all requirements imposed by the United States Constitution and Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 have been satisfied. Therefore, the undersigned recommends that the plea of guilty be accepted and a finding of guilty be entered by the Court.

June 26, 2009

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benita Y. Pearson', written over a horizontal line.

Benita Y. Pearson

United States Magistrate Judge

Objections to this Report and Recommendation must be filed with the Clerk of Court within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice. Failure to file objections within the specified time WAIVES the right to appeal the Magistrate Judge's recommendation. *See, United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947 (6th Cir. 1981); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985).